





Monday, July 23, 2012

'She died in front of me'

Stabbing witnessed.

Neighbours tried to save dying woman



Winnipeg police confirmed Sunday morning they are investigating the city's 19th homicide.

Police said a woman was found in the 500 block of Furby Street around 5:30 a.m. Sunday with undetermined injuries. She later died.

A woman, living in a home across the street, said she was the first person on the scene.

The witness, who asked not to be named, said she was awoken around 5:30 a.m. to horrible screams.

"The guy came out of there and stabbed her in the stomach," said the woman, gesturing to the area around an apartment at 583 Furby St. "I seen her hit the ground,

so I knew that's what he did." He was yelling at her over money, she said.

The witness said she called 911 and then went outside to help. Together, with another man, she ran towards the woman as the assailant fled.

The pair performed CPR on the victim, who apparently "flatlined" but came back when resuscitated, she said.

The neighbour shook and stumbled backwards when told by a Metro reporter the victim had died.

"She was just a little thing," she said grimly. "That poor kid.... It's unbelievable. "She died in front of me."

Police taped off a large scene around two mountain bikes lying in the street with 14 evidence markers surrounding them.

The witness said the bikes belonged to the victim, who she said was 20 years old, and her sister.

"I'm moving - I'm scared for my life. It's sick, just sick, she said.

They're back

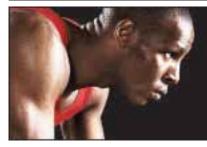
Bands whose hevdays are several years removed, like No Doubt and Garbage, are vying for the spotlight again PAGE 11



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Dark night

Colorado shooting suspect James Holmes was rejected for membership at a gun range due to his "freakish" voice-mail message PAGE 5



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Airship offers unusual Fringe experience

Airship Femmes du Feu Venue 13

The assorted ropes, bars, pulleys, chains — and oh yes, the giant net with the woman suspended in it — hanging from the ceiling of the theatre as the audience enters are a fair indication that we're in for an uncommon Fringe experience. And this new work from Toronto aerial dance company Femmes du Feu dees not disampoint

Feu does not disappoint.
The quartet of dancer/
acrobats takes us on board a
steampunk-inspired airship
powered by human movement. So that means the
performers — as the airship's
crew — climb up ropes, swing
on ladders and spin on hoops
to keep the airship aloft, as
the voice of an unseen commander issues dire warnings.

Although it takes a little while for Airship to get off the ground, there are dazzling displays of aerial dance in a show that's sometimes sassy, sometimes goofy, sometimes sexy — but above all, tremendously fun. JOFF SCHMIDT

BookwormBig Sandwich Productions Venue 10

It takes guts to get onto a bare-bones stage with nothing to support you but a pile of books and a water bottle. Corin Raymond pulls off his autobiographical tale, of a life lived deeply through books, with warmth and wit.

Bookworm is shaped by the opening to Ray Bradbury's novel Something Wicked This Way Comes. Imagine the two boys from this novel, William Halloway and Jim Nightshade, morphed into one lonely boy from Ontario. Living in a house full of books and failing at school, he grows up to be a singer/songwriter earning money for his next album by collecting Canadian Tire cash. Raymond's story is odd and inspiring

inspiring.

A love letter to literature, see this show if you ever bought a book instead of groceries. Skillfully constructed and lovingly told, Bookworm is like finding your favourite nook in the library and curling up for an hour with a good friend who really gets you.

Surf Chimps The Placeholder Show

Venue 7
Some Fringe plays are best seen after a few beers. This one seems to have been written after a few.

J.P. Renaud narrates as his

comedy gang brings to life an alleged flick called Surf Chimps, which is rumoured to have been in production several times but never completed for mysterious reasons. Quinn Greene draws the short straw — he gets to wear the stifling-looking rubber chimp mask for the full hour. Bill Pats is the deranged "antagonist" - out to ruin Surf Chimp's fun with grotesque graphic violence if necessary. Melanie Dahling is the benign all-American sweetheart child who becomes Surf Chimp's best buddy. The Surf Chimp cover-up is presented as a sort of mish-mashed multimedia mockumentary that investigates, but somewhat irritatingly fails to reveal, what happened to this fictional movie. christopher read



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Enter the new Millennium

Reconstructed.

Millennium Library Park opens to public in downtown Winnipeg

LAUREN PARSONS

Downtown Winnipeg's newest green space at the Millennium Library was officially opened Friday, with messages from dignitaries and the releasing of ladybugs into the park.

The reconstructed Mil-

The reconstructed Millennium Library Park includes a plaza deck, urban wetland, prairie garden and two public artworks created through the Winnipeg Arts Council.

One is called "emptyful"

— an installation piece in the shape of a container, which stands at over 10 metres high and is made of stainless steel, lights, water and fog. The other is a work called "Sentinel of Truth," inspired by the library itself, which is a wall with text inscribed into it.

"You've got to come at night to see the lights and the fog," Mayor Sam Katz said about emptyful.

Katz added that the city's goal is to make the park, which is the only one between the legislative building grounds and Central Park, an active urban green space

space.
"We don't want people to walk through — this will be a destination," he said.

"The board is working to really make downtown Where the money came from

\$2.1M

Joint government funding for the park totalled \$2.1 million under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. The redevelopment plan was spearheaded by the Winnipeg Library Foundation.

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"Even if you don't want to read a book, you can just sit here and relax with friends and neighbours," said Vic Toews, the federal minister of public safety. The Downtown BIZ plans

The Downtown BIZ plans to use the space for events like the Out to Lunch concert series, and yoga and zumba in the park.



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On the web

So much for the Olympic spirit

For some in Athens, the Olympics are not a celebratory affair. The birthplace of the Games is collectively groaning after hosting the 2004 event. Go to metronews.ca to find out why the public is so unhappy.

Mobile news



A small part in an upcoming sci-fi remake has turned into a treasure chest of publicity for a Canadian actress who plays a three-breasted prostitute in the flick. Scan the code to find out more.



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Mobile skate park rolls into town

Getting stoked.

Tour aims to shine a positive light on the sport, as well as teach kids to skate

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The LRN2SK8 mobile skate park hit Kildonan Place mall on Friday as part of its national 40-stop tour, which offers kids "an introduction to the culture of skateboarding and skateboard instruction."

The tour, sponsored by Disney XD, stops at malls with West 49 stores all over Canada and features free workshops for beginner skateboarders from the ages of five to 15. The mobile park offers rails, ledges,



Andre Smith rides a ramp at the LRN2SK8 mobile skate park on Friday at Kildonan Place mall. Dave BAXTER/FOR METRO

ramps and flat bars.

"We're just teaching kids how to skateboard," tour manager Bradon Levalds said. "Our main thing is just that kids are having fun, being active and being outside. "There has always been a negative light shone on skateboarding but people are realizing now it is a physical activity, it's cheaper than team sports and anyone can do it."



Winnipeg Fringe turns up the heat

Australian street performers the Circus Firemen entertain Fringe-goers with a two-man juggling routine on Sunday afternoon at Old Market Square. This year's Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival boasts 172 plays and continues through July 29. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Construction

Highway 75 to see delays

The wait to get into the United States through the Emerson crossing might take longer than normal this summer. Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation says a major upgrade to the southbound lanes of PTH 75 on the Manitoba side of the Emerson international border crossing has begun. The work is expected to continue through September. METRO

Tragic accident

Boy dies of severe burns

A four-year-old boy from Red Sucker Lake First Nation is dead after sustaining serious burns. The boy was taken to a Winnipeg hospital on Tuesday by Island Lake RCMP after the child came into contact with an ignited flammable substance while playing in his front yard. No foul play is suspected, and police said no further information will be released. METRO

Home opener

Bombers hoping for sellout

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are hoping for a sellout for Thursday's home opener. More than 27,000 tickets have been sold, and the first 10,000 people to arrive will receive free thundersticks. The team will pay tribute to former head coach Cal Murphy, who died this year, during the half-time show. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.ca. METRO

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Details emerge about Aurora theatre rampage suspect

Colorado. Holmes was neuroscience student who quit PhD in June

The suspect in the Colorado shooting rampage displayed behaviour that a gun-range owner thought was "bizarre," but it is still unclear if anyone at the university where he studied had any hint of his plans.

Police said James Holmes began buying guns at Denverarea stores nearly two months before Friday's shooting. He also received at least 50 packages in four months at his home and the University of Colorado, Denver that authorities are investigating to see whether they contained materials for the potentially deadly booby traps that police found in his apartment.

At the same time, the quiet 24-year-old was in the final weeks of the first year of a rigorous PhD neuroscience program, where he took a three-part final exam required for students to progress in the program and was scheduled to give a presentation on microRNA biomarkers before abruptly leaving in June.

Holmes is being held without bond on suspicion of multiple counts of first-degree murder after a shooting ram-

of the new Batman film The Dark Knight Rises in Aurora early Friday that left 12 people dead and 58 injured.

He is scheduled for an initial court hearing Monday and has been assigned a public defender.

Amid the continuing investigation of Holmes and his background Sunday was a day for healing and remembrance in Aurora, with U.S. President Barack Obama arriving to visit with families of the victims and a vigil planned for later in the evening. Congregations across Colorado prayed for the shooting victims and their relatives.

Holmes was being held in solitary confinement at a Denver-area county detention facility and was not co-operating with authorities, Aurora police Chief Dan Oates said.

"He lawyered up. He's not

talking to us," the chief said.

Authorities are working with FBI behavioural analysts and are looking into Holmes' relationships to find a motive, which could take months, Oates said.

The owner of a gun range said that Holmes applied to join the club last month but never became a member because of his behaviour and a "bizarre" message on his voice mail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Norway pauses to mark anniversary of massacre

Norway on Sunday paused to commemorate the 77 victims of a bomb and gun massacre that shocked the peaceful nation one year ago, a tragedy that the prime minister said brought Norwegians together in defence of democracy and tolerance.

In a wreath-laying ceremony at the bomb site, Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said Anders Behring Breivik had failed in his declared goal of destroying Norway's commitment to being an inclusive, multicul-

tural society.

"The bomb and the gun shots were meant to change Norway," Stoltenberg told a sombre crowd of a few hundred people at the ceremony. "The Norwegian people answered by embracing our values. The perpetrator lost.

The people won."
Tarps still cover windows

of bomb-damaged buildings on the plaza, and large cement road blocks stop all but pedestrian traffic. Mounted police and officers with bomb-sniffing dogs were on site Sunday, but the security was not overbearing, as if to show that Norway was still an open society.

Survivors and families of victims gathered for a private ceremony on the island. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anders Behring Breivik, a 33-year-old right-wing fanatic, has admitted to the July 22, 2011, attacks: A bombing in the government district in Oslo, killing eight, and a shooting rampage that left 69 dead at the leftwing Labour Party's youth camp on Utoya island.



China

Deadly flooding may not be over

The heaviest rain to hit Beijing in six decades killed at least 10 people and left cars and buses submerged. Ten other storm deaths were reported elsewhere as China braced Sunday for more downpours. Saturday's rain knocked down trees in Beijing and trapped cars and buses in waist-deep water. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Russia

Officials blamed for flood deaths

Russian police have detained three officials accused of failing to properly warn and evacuate residents in a southern region where floods killed scores of people this month, state investigators said Sunday. The flooding in the Black Sea region killed 171 people after torrential downpours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland

Deportations remembered

Members of Poland's Jewish community and other Poles have marked the 70th anniversary of the first deportations from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942 with a memorial march through the city. There have never been major commemorations for the start of deportations to death camps on July 22, 1942. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bulgaria

Bomber not ID'd after autopsies

Autopsies have provided officials with new information about the suicide bomber who killed five Israelis and a Bulgarian bus driver in the resort town of Burgas. But the attacker's identity appeared to remain unknown, and Bulgaria's government was investigating whether there was an accomplice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fatal accident

Toddler run over at P.E.I. racetrack

A three-year-old boy is dead after being hit by a pickup truck on Prince Edward Island. The boy was riding a small bike from the waiting area to the track area of the Ovster Bed Raceway near Charlottetown when he was hit on Sunday after-

A 28-year-old driver from Nova Scotia was heading toward the track area in a pickup truck and didn't see the child. The boy was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police say the driver and the child were known to each other, but no names are being released pending family notification.

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Leaders' meeting

Premiers seek common ground on key issues

Canada's premiers will try to forge a common front when they meet this week to discuss a range of contentious issues, including health care, energy and the economy, while pushing

back against a federal government some of them say has shut the door on talks.

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, the host of the Council of the Federation gathering, said he and his colleagues will tackle everything from crafting a position on disputed health transfers to the development of a pan-Canadian energy plan.

Fossil protection

Paleontologists fight site vandalism

After a Hadrosaur fossil discovered in northwestern Alberta on June 15 was found smashed to pieces, paleontologists are thinking twice about security at fossil sites. RCMP say they are

investigating the Hadrosaur vandalism, but have no sus-



pects vet. The CANADIAN PRESS

New database needs DNA, families say

Lindsey's Law. Index meant to help identify missing persons and unidentified remains won't draw on DNA Data Bank, thanks to government concerns

A national database to help identify missing persons and unidentified remains is more than a year away, but families and experts say that DNA is the missing piece of the puzzle that the initiative needs.

Judy Peterson has been a proponent of such a database since her daughter, Lindsey Jill Nicholls, went missing in 1993.

Peterson started a petition in 2003 called Lindsey's Law, calling for DNA from missing persons and unidentified remains to be added to the National DNA Data Bank, which was set up in 2000 to help police with their investigations.

A new index called the



National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains would store descriptive information on these cases and allow for them to be compared nationally for the first time when it launches in late 2013, but it won't include DNA.

The federal government has been resistant to amending the National DNA Data Bank to include the thousands of missing persons and hundreds of unidentified bodies across the country. It cites privacy concerns and high costs.

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Charest's future hangs in the balance

Effigies are hung in protest in Montreal on Sunday during a mass demonstration against the Quebec Liberal government's policies, including university fee hikes and Bill 78. Thousands of students and their supporters took to the streets to denounce the province's tuition increases, sending a message that they will be ready for a fight if Premier Jean Charest decides to call an election. Protests against Quebec's Liberal government have eased during the summer months, but student groups said yesterday's strong turnout during the height of the summer holidays was proof the movement hasn't died out. The crowd, an enthusiastic mix of students, families and seniors, made its way through the city's downtown on a hot and humid afternoon.

Happy ending. Bullied bus monitor thanks public for donation drive

An American school-bus monitor who was verbally abused and tormented by students is now mulling over what to do with her embarrassment of

A video showing Karen Klein, 68, being tormented and insulted on the bus ended up online and caught the eye of Max Sidirov of Toronto. He launched a fundraising drive on Indiegogo.com to pay for a

Sidirov, 25, set the initial fundraising target for \$5,000 dollars, but donors kicked in \$703,873 by the time his campaign wrapped up Friday night.

Klein must now decide what she'll do with the money. Klein has a granddaughter who has Down syndrome and a grand-

drive set up by Max Sidirov of Toronto to help send bullied bus driver Karen Klein on vacation.

son with autism, and has some organizations that work with special-needs children in mind.

Klein said she would like to be able to thank everyone personally for their support, but with numbers climbing into the thousands it's just not possible.

"Hopefully everybody out there knows how much I appre-ciate everything," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Body-parts case. Jun Lin's mother pays tribute at memorial service Seeking a voice. Native women's representation in politics on the rise

The parents of Jun Lin took part in an emotional public memorial on Saturday as Montreal's Chinese community gathered to remember the student two months after he was brutally killed.

Lin's mother, Zhigui Du, gave a heart-wrenching address at a Montreal church that brought many in the pews to tears. At times, she showed remarkable resolve standing at the pulpit, and other times wept uncontrollably as she re-

called her only son.

"When a child dies, a parent's heart dies, too," Du said in Mandarin, and an interpreter translated into French. "He is gone. He was taken so fast."

Lin, a 33-year-old Chinese national studying in Montreal,



was killed and dismembered two months ago in a gruesome case that shocked people around the world. Luka Rocco Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to several charges in connection with Lin's death.

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They did it without quotas, action plans or affirmative ac-

Half of the eight candidates in the recent election for national chief of the Assembly of First Nations were women — a novelty not just for the native organization but for Canadian politics in general.

The secret to such high female participation is two-fold, says Michele Audette, president of the Quebec Native Women's Association.

It lies in politics at the lo-cal level, where women on reserves have been taking the reins more and more often, she says.

And it lies in an inclusive approach to men, making them realize that their own



health and welfare improve along with the empowerment of women, Audette said in an interview as the AFN elections wrapped up.

We do not push the men away," she said.

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Few celebrate third anniversary marking end of Great Recession

Global recovery. Three years on and trillions spent, economies still fragile in U.S. and Europe, while Canada's progress is deceiving

Few are noting the occasion, but about now Canada and the rest of the world should be celebrating the third anniversary marking the end of the Great Recession.

It was in the third quarter of 2009 — the July-September months — that Canada and many other major advanced nations began to breathe a little easier in the knowledge they had peered into the economic abyss and somehow survived.

Yet there are no signs of rejoicing, or even relief.

At separate stock-taking events last week, U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, Bank of Canada gov-

Aiming for average

On a per-capita basis, Canadians are still not back to where they were before the 2008-09 crisis.

 Per-capita GDP in inflation-adjusted dollars peaked at \$40,015.79 in the fourth quarter of 2007, and had only returned to \$39,648.11 in the first quarter this year.

ernor Mark Carney and the International Monetary Fund each had different versions of the same message — the global economy still hangs by a thread, growth is painfully slow and full employment is years away.

Europe is suffering through a Japan-style lost decade.

Canadians have been told repeatedly they have done better than most, and the message has become the reality.

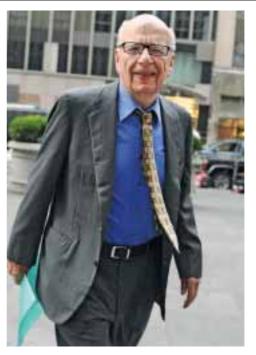
France's L'Express magazine last week declared Canada "number 1" in a cover story, encouraging readers to pack up and head to the promised land.

The reality is a little more nuanced, though Canada looks awfully good next to much of Europe, which is now expected to be in recession the rest of the year.

But even in Canada, things might have turned out better. The first full year of recovery saw the output expand by an acceptable 3.2 per cent, but slow to 2.4 per cent in 2011. Depending on the forecast, it will likely slow further to between 1.5 and 2.1 per cent this year.

And that's gross domestic product, which includes population growth of about 1.2 per cent a year. Take away the fact there are more people in the country producing and spending, and the picture looks very different.

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Murdoch retreats

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch, pictured entering the News Corp. building in New York last year, has resigned as a director of a number of News Corp. subsidiary boards in Britain and the United States, a spokeswoman confirmed Saturday. The announcement suggests that Murdoch may be distancing himself from his British newspaper interests, which have been shaken to the core by a widespread phonehacking scandal. Louis Lanzano/The associated press Fille

Technology

Lab working on security shoe

A new lab at Carnegie Mellon University is working on shoe insoles that monitor access to high-security areas, like nuclear power plants. The idea is based on research showing that people have unique feet and ways of walking. Sensors in the footpad collect data and check the patterns. One expert says the technology could raise privacy questions. Attorney Lee Tien with the Electronic Frontier Foundation says it's a potential tracking device.

Beyond coffee

Starbucks juiced with Evolution

Starbucks announced on Friday the opening of three more Evolution Fresh Inc. juice stores, in addition to the one it opened earlier this year. The Seattle-based company is also expanding distribution of ready-to-drink bottles of Evolution juice in stores to capitalize on the rapidly growing market for premium juices.

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Canadian TV viewers to get packaging flexibility

Canadian viewers frustrated with paying for television channels they don't want can expect more flexible packages in light of a new ruling by broadcast regulators. The Canadian Radio-tele-

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has ruled in favour of proposals made by Bell Media and Telus Corp. to adopt a more flexible TV-package model.

"In this decision, one of

"In this decision, one of our main criteria was flexibility and innovation in the packaging," said Denis Carmel, a spokesman for the CRTC.

Carmel said that while individual channels may cost more under the new model, consumers' bills may go down because they will be paying for fewer channels.

The CRTC could not provide details about the terms of the agreement, which is confidential.

The ruling reflects a marketplace that is moving towards more flexible packaging, where consumers only have to pay for what they

want, said Carmel.

"In the old days there were huge packages where to get one channel you might have to pay for many more," said Carmel.

Kevin Crull, president of Bell Media, called the decision a victory for consumers.

"The CRTC has sent a very clear signal that it supports carriage arrangements that will deliver more packaging flexibility to consumers," said Crull.

"With this decision, Canada will maintain its position as a world leader in providing consumers with both a wide array of programming choices as well as packaging flexibility, all at affordable rates."

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Channel surfing extinct?

"In this decision, one of our main criteria was flexibility and innovation in the packaging."

Denis Carmel, a spokesman for the CRTC, on the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ruling

Ford. Parts company's woes caused recall: Documents

A manufacturing problem at a company that makes fuel lines forced Ford to recall thousands of its brand-new Escape small SUVs and tell owners to stop driving them right away.

Ford Motor Co. announced the recall Thursday, saying there was a risk of an engine fire.

In documents filed by Ford and posted Friday on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website, the company said fuel lines were "mechanically scored" or damaged on the outside during manufacturing. The lines, made by a TI Group Automotive Systems plant in Indiana, can split when pushed over a connector fitting, and leaking fuel could ignite.

The recall involved 11,500 Escapes. About 4,800 have been sold to customers; the rest are still on dealer lots.

Escape

This was the second recall of the new Escape in less than a week.

 Ford is also recalling more than 10,000 Escapes to fix carpet padding that could interfere with braking.

Ford urged customers in the U.S. and Canada not to drive the SUVs and to contact dealers. The problem affects only 2013 Escapes equipped with 1.6-litre, four-cylinder engines.

The problem was discovered June 9 when a newly built Escape caught fire while a Ford worker was driving it from the Louisville Assembly Plant in Kentucky to a holding lot for shipping, the documents said.

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Eurozone. Germany saves billions as safe haven for investors amid crisis

Germany has emerged as one of the biggest beneficiaries of the European financial crisis.

The bond markets have demanded that countries such as Italy and Spain pay prohibitively high borrowing costs to sell their debt amid worries over their sluggish economies and creaking government finances. Such high interest rates will burden these countries' state coffers for years to come.

Financially healthy Germany, meanwhile, has secured billions of euros in debt at record-low — sometimes negative — interest rates.

Germany has long been seen as a safe bet. It is Europe's biggest economy and is the biggest single contributor to eurozone rescue funds, with a gross domestic product of \$3.17 tril-



lion US. The country's economy has grown steadily in the past two years and, with quarter-on-quarter GDP growth of 0.5 per cent, prevented the eurozone as a whole from sliding into recession in this year's first quarter.

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StatsCan. Inflation rate rises to 1.5% in June, consumer prices stable

Canada's annual inflation rate rose slightly to 1.5 per cent last month, but most consumer prices stayed well in check and there were few signs of building-cost pressures in any region of the country.

of the country.

Statistics Canada said increases in the price of passenger vehicles, electricity, food, and homeowners' replacement costs were mostly responsible for June's slightly higher rate, which was up three-tenths of a point from May.

Economists had actually

Economists had actually projected an even greater uptick given May's extremely low reading of 1.2 per cent.

But they also cautioned that most of the increase would be temporary, caused by unusual base-effects from a year earlier when gas prices were recedExpensive electricity

5.9%

The key standout in Friday's report was that the cost of electricity rose by 5.9 per cent from last year, with most of the increases in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

ing and auto dealers launched an aggressive program of discounting. The agency noted that discounting occurred this June as well — with car prices 2.7 per cent lower than they were a month earlier — but less so than a year earlier.

As well, gasoline prices continued to trend downwards this June by 3.2 per cent from May, but not as sharply as last year at this time.

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SAM KATZ FOR MAYOR



COMPASS

I heard Sam Katz interviewed on the radio the other week. He was open and forthright, engaged in the subject matter, and refused to deflect blame to others when asked some tough questions

about his leadership.
Listening to this, I said to myself, "This guy should be the mayor of Winnipeg.

There are two big problems with that scenario: The first, of course, is that Katz is already the mayor. And in that role he hasn't exactly carved out a reputation for handling things the way he did in that interview. The second is that the topic of the interview wasn't Katz's work at city hall, but his other job, as owner and president of the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

Now I can't blame Katz for being more enthusiastic about running a baseball team than running a city. The majority of the population would probably feel the same way. Council meetings aren't nearly as much fun as ball games, and there are no mini-

doughnuts.

Customer service

"Katz the mayor could learn from Katz the ball-team owner.

But there's a lot that Katz the mayor could learn from Katz the ball-team owner, especially when it comes to value for money and customer service.

Katz the owner knows that many of the people in the stands

at a Goldeyes game have no idea who the guys are on the field, how the team is doing in the standings or even what league it plays in (the American Association).

They're not really there for the baseball, but because they get good value for their dollar. The park is nice, the food is good, the promotions are fun, and the staff are friendly and helpful. Spending an afternoon at the ballpark is enjoyable, whether the team wins or loses.

Contrast that with the experience of your average resident of

Recent surveys have shown that Winnipeggers aren't terribly happy with the quality of city services, and who could blame them? The streets are in bad shape, bike lanes are left unpainted, stoplights are everywhere, registering a child for a recreation program feels like a survival competition, and it takes two weeks of a sustained heat wave to get the city to leave the water on a little longer at its spray pads.

Then just the other day, the mayor shrugged off criticism that it took seven years to renovate the small park behind the downtown library, suggesting that critics were just being pessimistic. If only he had fought half as hard to build Millennium Library Park as he did to build Shaw Park, then maybe there would be some reason for optimism.

I think most residents of Winnipeg know that we're never going to be in the big league of world cities — battling against New York, London, Toronto, Vancouver — but we do expect to get decent customer service and value for our money.

So let's hope that Katz the mayor can learn to start playing ball a lot more like Katz the owner, and instil a different culture at city hall.

Beach volleyball

London weather threatens itsy-bitsy bikinis

Two piece or not two piece: That is the question.

Chilly weather and evening matches at the London Olympics may force a cover up in beach volleyball -

from bikinis to long johns. "We need it to keep our muscles warm," Australian competitor Tamsin Hinchley said Sunday. "It's an extremely strenuous sport.'

Yes, but let's get real. Long sleeves and leggings aren't exactly the main draw for lots of beach volleyball fans.

Asked if she thought it would be a turnoff for some fans, Hinchley said no, she thought the atmosphere would still be rocking at Horse Guards Parade

And the gear has already been a common sight on the world beach volleyball tour this year. It's now part of the uniform, Hinchley said.

"Obviously we're that sport, we're the sport that wears the bikinis and we're the sport that's physically out there," she said. "But we're jumping and running and sliding on the sand. We'll be using it (cold-weather gear) to benefit us physically. We'll definitely be taking it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The running of the brides



On your mark ...

It's as if they are racing to the altar

Brides prepare for a race in central Belgrade, Serbia, on Sunday.

The winner and two runners-up of the Bridal Race, organized by a local magazine, receive numerous awards and the wedding gown they chose to race in

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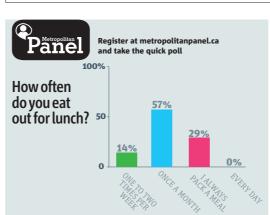
Bride wars

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About 50 women took part in the event, which was a 150-metre sprint through Belgrade's streets.

Just run with it

Just as Spain has the Running of the Bulls, Serbia has the running of the brides every year.





@Slash:

I know I always tweet "amazing" about the gigs afterwards. But when u have crowds like 2nite in Winnipeg, it's totally justified.

@MylesKennedy:

Toniaht's aia in Winnipea was off the hook. For that matter this entire run of Canada has been stellar.

@SuprstrNikAdams: • • • • Someone in #Winnipea is

\$100,000 richer this morning, be sure to check your #Extra num-

@ThePJN:

Just remembered that AOL is still a thing. Weird.

@MarissaCosford:

Only come home for 2 reasons #Sleep & #Eat other wise I'm never home :) #Summer

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SCENE

The 20-year itch

Unwilling to start collecting dust in the seat crack of pop music, a spate of bands whose heydays are a couple decades in the rear view are back with a vengeance. Hollaback No Doubt, Garbage, Cranberries, and I Mother Earth, and, not to be left out of the fold. The Backstreet Boys, are once again back in the spotlight.

MIKE DOJC



Backstreet Boys

Heyday: 1996-2000

Kevin, AJ, Brian, Howie, and Nick are back alright...but are they still everything you need? While the aging heartthrobs released a pair of albums in Kevin's absence, '07s Unbreakable and '09s This is Us, the band's core audience has been inconsolable since the oft-goateed member left. The reunion kicks off August 31 with a free concert in Central Park. A new album and a fullscale tour set for spring of next year is also in the works. Fans who can't wait that long to get their fix of returning singer Kevin Richardson can hunt down a pair of indie flicks he starred in this year: The Casserole Club, a wife-swapping drama set in the 1960s, and The Bloody Indulgent, a vampire musical.

Signature Songs: I Want it That Way, Show me the Meaning, As Long as You Love Me



The Cranberries

Heyday: 1993-1999

This Limerick-Irelandbased quartet hadn't released a studio album since 2001, and fans were missing their lush and lilting brand of poignant sonic dreamscapes. Seamlessly alternating between sweet "di, do-do doo" lullabies and more attitudinally tart fare, the Cranberries are at their best when they temper their melodic sweetness with notes of sour anguish. The band sticks to their knitting on 2012's Roses, re-teaming with their original producer Stephen Street to recapture their magic. During their downtime, singer Dolores O'Riordan dropped a pair of solo albums and lead guitarist Noel Hogan delved into electronica starting up Monoband, which spun into the side project's current incarnation, Arkitekt. Since reconvening, the Cranberries have been busy busting out tunes on the road and will be on a European swing this coming fall with stops from Bucharest to Barcelona and many points between.

Signature Songs: Dreams, Linger, Zombie



Garbage

Heyday: 1995-2001

With a name that gives a wry wink at the dispos able nature of pop music, Garbage, assembled by Butch Vig (the super producer behind Nirvana's Nevermind), and a couple of his rock-vet pals, was originally a side project. Tapping Angelfish singer Shirley Manson to front the band made them one of the decade's steamiest acts. After seven years of hibernation following the underrated Bleed Like Me. Garbage returned with the nostalgia-mining Not Your Kind of People. Garbage's new material recycles the post-Grunge underpinnings of their self-titled debut and melds it with the spit-shined polish of their sophomore release Version 2.0 to create a vital new sound. During their self imposed exile pouty-lipped Manson stole scenes as a chilly yet sexy liquid metal Terminator in FOX's The Sarah Connor Chronicles while Vig earned himself a Grammy producing Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown.

Signature Songs: Only Happy When It Rains, Stupid Girl, I Think I'm



I Mother Earth

Heyday: 1993-1999

After an eight-year layoff since disbanding in the aftermath of 2003's The Quicksilver Meat Dream, IME was resurrected when they took the stage at Toronto's Sound Academy this past March for a pair of sold out shows. Bryan Byrnes, who took over from Edwin on 1999's Blue Green Orange, is back behind the mic and the Tanna brothers Christian and Jagori unleashing the band's beefy sonic onslaught on drums and guitar while Bruce Gordon checks back in on bass. The new single We Got the Love is a hard rocking, high-wattage pick-me-up that stands up to the band's most loved hits and longtime fans are lapping it up. With fellow mid-90s Canadian alt-rock radio regulars Treble Charger and Tea Party also recently getting their acts back together we smell a formidable triple bill in the near future

Signature Songs: Levitate, One More Astronaut, Another Sunday



No Doubt

Heyday: 1992-2001

Ska-revivalists No Doubt rocked steady throughout the 1990s but haven't iammed on new material in over a decade. Settle Down, the first single of their upcoming album Push and Shove is a bouncy tour de force produced by Diplo (Beyoncé, M.I.A) charged by waves of Caribbean dancehall and frontwoman Gwen Stefani's infectiously perky pop-vocals. Since they've been gone the platinum blonde singer has released a pair of well-received solo albums, started a couple of fashion labels in L.A.M.B. and Harajuku Lovers, and gave birth to her two sons Kingston and Zuma. Bottle blonde bassist Tony Kanal also kept busy producing and laying down tracks with the likes of Pink and Weezer.

Signature Songs: Just a Girl, Don't Speak, Hey Baby



SCENE

Scene in brief

Studios silent on box office brags

A Warner Bros. executive emailed a fact sheet about The Dark Knight Rises to Hollywood reporters a few days ago and ended with two hopeful syllables for the film's box-office prospects: "Ka ching." Cash registers have indeed been ringing at theatres worldwide this weekend as millions shell out for the finale to Christopher Nolan's epic Batman trilogy. But the shoot-ings that left 12 dead and 58 wounded at a Dark Knight Rises screening in Colorado on Friday have silenced the usual box-office crowing by studios to let the world know they've unleashed another blockbuster. Warner, the studio behind the Batman flicks. decided to hold off on releasing debut numbers for The Dark Knight Rises this weekend out of respect to the shooting victims and their families. Other studios followed suit, saying that like Warner, they would not issue their usual Sunday estimates, waiting instead until Monday, when they normally release final dollar counts for the weekend. There's no doubt that The Dark Knight Rises will be the No. 1 film in America and beyond. Before Warner opted against weekend box-office reporting, the studio announced that the film took in \$30.6 million domestically from shows that started just after midnight Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ricky Martin. Singer loving the Broadway life

Ricky Martin says Broadway is a monster that requires discipline, concentration and dedication, but Evita's Che is feeling so happy and so at home that he can't imagine moving for a while. In an interview at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, New York, which houses the musical based on the life of Argentina's first lady Eva Peron. Martin said he's never been challenged as much as in the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacle and that this is, precisely, what has him "hooked" on Broadway, where he debuted in 1996 as Marius in Les Miser ables. Martin has already decided to stay in the Big Apple at least for a while, calling it a "fascinating" and multicultural city for his soon-to-betwins, Matteo and Valentino.

You were born for the stage and certainly for one on Broadway. Any immediate plans to work on other musicals or plays after Evita?

I love being onstage. I love what's happening with Evita. The reaction that I get every night from the audience, the emotions, the feeling, what I'm feeling every night onstage is, is simply beautiful. It's never the same, you never get bored, it's very challenging. Do I want to come back to Broadway?

I would love to do Broadway the rest of my life! Because it's challenging, because it makes me grow as an actor, as an entertainer, as an artist, and that's what I need, that's what I'm hooked on

Would you consider staying here in New York?

I AM staying here in New York! Those are my plans. Anything can change in show business, you know how it everything changes from one day to the other. But my idea is to stay here for a while

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Mariah Carey eyes judges role on Idol

With Mariah Carey rumored to be close to signing on as a new judge for American Idol, the last remaining judge for the reality singing competition wants to make it clear that he isn't going anywhere.

While serving as guest host on The View last week, Randy Jackson announced that he is not leaving American Idol, despite specula-tion he might be following Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler, who recently left the show. "Steven and Jennifer

are truly two of the most talented and consummate professionals I've worked with," Jackson recently told Gossip Cop about his co-workers' departure. "I was friends with them before we hopped on this crazy journey together and I have no doubt our friendships will continue long after. Jackson's statement still leaves open the possibility that he'll move from the judges' table to a mentorship role on the show, leading to a completely new panel of judges.



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Group going Gaga over her gayways

WORD

Pop stars can't catch a break today from the craz-

The Florida Family Association is blaming Lady Gaga's hit single Born This Way and the singer's charitable foundation of the same name for encouraging teens to feel like worthwhile humans.

"Born This Way sends an irresponsible message to many teens who would have eventually chose to be straight," says the organization's website. "Thousands of kids who might have otherwise worked through their pubescent sexual identity issues (to) be inspired to accept the wrong choice based upon (her) unscientific, emotionally charged propaganda,"

The group is also encouraging followers to boycott retail chain Office Depot for donating \$1 million to the Born This Way foundation.

No, guys — just no. Although we do worry she sends an irresponsible message to the many teens who would have eventually chose not to wear a dress made from decapitated Muppets.



Wannabe singers looking to Spice up Olympics

The Spice Girls are set to reunite for a performance to mark the closing of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London on Aug. 12, a source confirms to Us Weekly.

The group, which split up in 2001, hasn't performed together since their 2008 reunion tour. All five

original members will be taking part, according to the source, and the group is expected to do two songs. including their debut hit, Wannabe. Other performers at the event will include George Michael, the Who and Jessie J, according to



Usher struggles with stepson's death

R&B singer Usher is mourning the death of his 11-year-old stepson, Kyle Glover, who succumbed to injuries suffered in a jet ski accident earlier this month, according to TMZ

Glover was riding on an

inner tube being towed by a motor boat when a family friend's jet ski collided with him on Lake Lanier, Atlanta, Ga.

The boy was hospital-ized and declared brain dead shortly after.



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@victoriabeckham

London is AMAZING!!! so beautiful!!!! love being home, on a boat trip with the kids!!!



@rejectedjokes

Just filled out a Mad Lib with Justin Beiber. He put SWAG in for everything. Noun, verb, pronoun.. everything. SWAG.



@ConanOBrien

Athletes at the Olympics are being issued 15 condoms each. Or as the men's table tennis players put it, "14 condoms too many."

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FAMILY 1

Her husband donated sperm

Families. ...to a lesbian couple, and that's fine by her, says one mom

KOA BECK

Alana's husband had never donated sperm before. Although the mother of three had contemplated egg donation from time-to-time, her husband had never considered the opportunity to help a family in need, both before their marriage and after.

But when the couple's friends Jennie and Susan watched yet another sperm donor fall through, Alana and her husband decided to present them with an offer.

Two years ago after Alana welcomed her third child, Jennie and Susan were approaching the year mark of a struggle to get pregnant. Many legal barriers prevented the aspiring mommies from even getting married, let alone becoming parents — a predicament that deeply touched both Alana and her husband.

After consulting a lawyer on waiving all parental rights, the couple approached Jennie and Susan with the chance to use "their" sperm.

"They were surprised and

"They were surprised and grateful because the area where we lived is very conservative and most of our mutual friends were either neutral to their struggle or privately against it," Alana remembers.

The ladies didn't just hop at any sperm sample though.

Quoted

"An anonymous sperm donor had never appealed to the couple and the idea of reaching out to friends with similar values greatly interested them."



Only after some questioning about her husband's health and family medical history — which included no major genetic diseases — did the two mommies green light the idea. An anonymous sperm donor had never appealed to the couple and the idea of reaching out to friends who shared similar values greatly interested them. A sparkling family medical history and Alana's three healthy children ultimately had the two women consenting to expand their family

with her husband's sperm.

She describes Jennie and her partner as being "very open" to both Alana and her family having limited involvement with the hypothetical child, hashing out potential visits and the routine sending of photos.

The "crunchy, natural lifestyle" ladies were adamant about attempting a more "organic" method for conception before going the IVF route. Upon removing heterosexual sex from the table, the soonto-be mommies decided on athome insemination and asked Alana's husband to deposit a sperm sample in a sterile cup at their home. Within the next hour, the couple used a sterile medical syringe, similar to what is used with infants, inside Susan. Although the couple was prepared to go through five rounds of athome insemination before trying more conventional approaches, the mothers conceived on their second round a rarity for their preferred

method. Susan and Jennie eventually welcomed a baby

"Jennie and Susan are two of the most loving, awesome people we have ever met and if anyone deserved to be mothers it was them. My husband and I both feel honoured and touched that we could be a part of helping them realize their dream of being parents," Alana tells Mommyish. "But in the end they are her mommies and my husband and I are just family friends."

LIFE

Health

Whooping cough rising

The U.S. appears to be headed for its worst year for whooping cough in more than five decades, with the number of cases rising at an epidemic rate that experts say may reflect a problem with the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Nearly 18,000 cases have been reported so far more than twice the number seen at this point last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. At this pace, the number for the entire year will be the highest since 1959, when 40,000 illnesses were reported.

Nine children have died, and health officials called on adults — especially pregnant women and those who spend time around children — to get a booster shot as soon as possible.

Whooping cough has generally been increasing for years, but this year's spike is startling. Health investigators are trying to figure out what's going on, and theories include better detection and reporting of cases, some sort of evolution in the bacteria that cause the illness, or shortcomings in the vaccine.

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First peanuts, now eggs

Doctors have reversed allergies in some children and teens by giving them tiny daily doses of problem foods, gradually training their immune systems to accept them. In the best test of this yet,

In the best test of this yet, about a dozen kids were able to overcome allergies to eggs, one of the most ubiquitous foods, lurking in everything from pasta and veggie burgers to mayonnaise and even marshmallows. Some of the same doctors used a similar approach on several kids with peanut allergies a few years ago.

Don't try this yourself, though. It takes special products, a year or more and close supervision because severe reactions remain a risk, say doctors involved in the study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"This experimental therapy can safely be done only by properly trained physicians," says a statement from Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the federal agency that sponsored the study.

It didn't work for everyone, and some dropped out of the study because of allergic reactions. But the results "really do show there is promise for future treatment" and should be tested now in a wider group of kids, said the study's leader, Dr. A. Wesley Burks, pediatrics chief at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Training a child's immune system to tolerate even small amounts of egg to prevent a major reaction was the study's goal. It enrolled 55 children ages five to 18. Forty were given



tiny daily amounts of powdered egg white, the part that usually causes the allergy. The other 15 were given a dummy treatment for comparison. The amounts were increased every two weeks until kids in the treatment group were eating about one third of an egg each day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the Web



Watch out, Tim Hortons: Canadians getting hooked on single-serve coffee metr⊕

Go wild for Wild Mushroom Risotto sans all the calories





I love risottos but the restaurant versions are loaded with butter, cream or cheese. This risotto is easy to make and has little fat and few calories by comparison (4.9 g of fat and 196 calories per

For a more elegant risotto, try using truffle oil.

1. Lightly coat saucepan with cooking spray, add oil and set over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic, and sauté 5 mins, or until onions are just tender and lightly browned. Add the mushrooms and sauté for about 8 minutes or until the mushrooms are no longer wet.

2. Add arborio rice and sauté 1 minute. Add 1 cup of the stock and simmer until the stock has just been absorbed. Con-

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion • 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 4 cups chopped wild mushrooms (try oyster, shiitake and/ or portobello)
- 1 cup arborio rice
- 3 1/2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup chopped asparagus (cut into 1-inch pieces)
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

tinue adding 1/2 cup stock at a time, stirring until absorbed; repeat until all the stock has been used (about 20 minutes in total). Add the chopped asparagus with the last 2 cups of stock and cook until the asparagus is tender-crisp, about 3 minutes, and the liquid is absorbed.

3. Add all but 2 tbsp of the grated Parmesan cheese, the salt and pepper and mix well. Garnish with the remaining Parmesan and the basil. Serve Warm ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVOR ITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Healthy eating

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We all have an inner kid and that kid most likely loves chocolate. Be careful because your sweet tooth may cost you.

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Equivalent

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Juinor Mints (85 qms)

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Chocolate-covered mints contain less calories and fat but more sugar



Sandwich Pad **How does Nathans**

make tomato soup? With vine ripened tomatoes of course!



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Canadian gelato on top

HEATHER GREENWOOD DAVIS

What does it take for a Canadian to beat out a host of artisans from around the world in the land where Gel-

world in the land where octated at reigns king?

Some Quebec maple syrup, California pecans (toasted and infused with Maldon sea salt, as well as caramelized) and a whole lot of moxy.

Luckily, James Coleridge

has all three.
The Ottawa-born gelato whose Vancouver shop Bella Gelateria regularly has lineups out the door at its sole location, got word this month that he's won two of the coveted top prizes at the Gelato Festival in Florence, Italy.

The competition is the world's largest for gelato makers and Coleridge beat out 29 Italians for the top prize.
"I consider myself a cus-

todian of an old-world process," says Coleridge, who admits he "jumped around like a jellybean for about a half hour" when he heard the news that he'd won both the technical jury prize and the People's Choice awards.

Being an artisanal gelato maker is about more than



the all-natural ingredients that go into the process, Coleridge says. He uses his Italian training, skill, artistry and dedication to whip up fresh small batches of his Gelato creations (that range from Tahitian Vanilla to the award-winning Noce Pecan e Sciroppo d'Acero Canadese Pecan and Canadian Maple Syrup) from original recipes that can take as long as 45 days to perfect.

Still, he says there are plenty of ways you can enjoy gelato at home.

"Gelato is best eaten fresh and not stored in a freezer for much time." he cautions.

Another tip: "Serve it using a tablespoon, never an ice cream scoop! (Scoops) are an ice cream thing," says Coleridge who is clear, "Gelato is not ice cream. We don't use their paraphernalia."

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Here are Coleridge's three tips for finding the best

- Flavours. Stay away from flavours that are too reminiscent of ice cream (Cookies and Cream and Bubble Gum, for example) but consider opening your palate to flavours that aren't exclusively Italian like Akbar Mashti (saffron, rosewater) and Black Sesame.
- Close your eyes. Pretty syrups and gummy bears have no place in a good artisanal gelato. If they have to sell it to you by what it looks like, it probably doesn't have much taste.
- Watch for windows. Beware big, open air serving windows. Gelato is sensitive. Even one ice crystal can wreak havoc on its taste. Artisanal makers make small batches by hand and seal them tight against the freezers in which they are stored.

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A new line of duty: Former cop reaches out by writing his way to recovery

Success in sobriety.

Gary Rubie has penned a book to help those out there in pain



As a police officer with 25 years of service, Gary Rubie dealt with suicides, assaults, homicides, armed robberies and the murders of 15 police officers. The work-related trauma took its toll and Rubie started to experience nightmares and overwhelming depression. He ended up addicted to alcohol and pain killers

Gary was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and got help. He started to write about his experiences and was eventually encouraged to put his stories and poems into a book called Out

Help yourself

Thoughts on recovery

- Surrender and be completely honest
- Turn your will and your power over to something greater than you
- Live one day at a time
- Be kind and gentle with yourself
- Self forgiveness is the key to internal healing.

On a Cliff.

"I want to stop one person from committing suicide. For the person suffering from crippling depression I want them to know there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

If one person is about to pick up a drink or use drugs there is another way out. You don't have to destroy your

Don't give up

"For the person suffering from crippling depression I want them to know there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

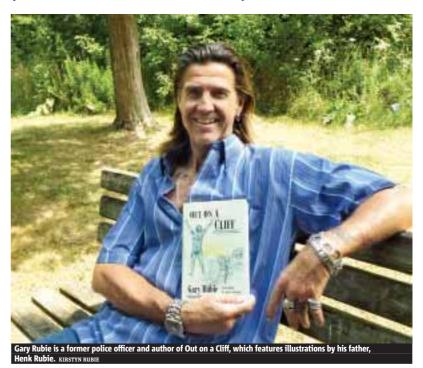
Garv Rubie

mind and body anymore."

For 25 years, Rubie put his life on the line everyday as a police officer. Today, he has a new career. He's giving people hope.

"It's a miracle I'm alive today. I should have been dead 20 times over. From now on I plan to give back and help others."

CORRECTION: LAST WEEK'S IN-CRED-IBILITY COLUMN FEATURED SINGER MEREDITH SHAW, WHOSE GIRL WHO BE-LIEVES CONTEST WAS LISTED AS BEING OPEN TO GIRLS 11-17. THE CONTEST IS, IN FACT, OPEN TO FEMALE APPLICANTS 11 YEARS OLD AND UP.



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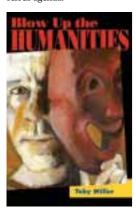
Education obsolete.

Your humanities degree may soon become ancient history

BRUCE WALSH

Metro World News in Philadelphia

Toby Miller's latest book is his most confrontational, polemic piece of writing to date. In Blow Up the Humanities — which will be released by Temple University Press in August — the longtime author and media studies professor skewers his own field, painting humanities departments as antiquated relics with an overtly class-conscious agenda.





Computer languages or ancient languages, which to study? PROVIDED

"It used to be that you couldn't get into Yale unless you were proficient in ancient Greek. The idea was that they would produce 'cultivated gentlemen who would be leaders of the country.'

Eventually they dropped classical languages as the core and turned toward English literature and so on," says Miller, who is the chair of the media and cultural studies program at the University of California, Riverside.

"At the same time the big land-grant universities were looking for a much more applied form of humanities. ... That's why if you go to the University of Michigan or Illinois, you learn speech communication — but if you go to Yale or Harvard, you learn English

literature."

Pointing to a downward trend in student engagement, research and publication opportunities, Miller proposes a decidedly practical curriculum focused on the job skills most students need.

"Whether you work in PR or Metro, Greenpeace or Coca-Cola, you need to know how to design a webpage, the basics of narrative art, how software and hardware work and the conditions of labour in those areas," says Miller.

"I'm looking for something that's very applied, in the way business is, but also has a critical edge, dealing with questions of labour and the environment, and not just how you can make a buck and become a corporate boss."

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"My inclusion in the Hall of Fame is the ultimate validation. I want to thank you all for helping me along the way."

Former Cincinnati Reds star Former Cincinnati Reas star Barry Larkin, who was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum on Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y. Larkin, who played his entire 19-year career with the Reds, retired career with the Reds, retired after the 2004 season with a .295 career battling average, 2,340 hits, 1,329 runs scored and 379 stolen bases. The late Ron Santo, star third baseman for the Chicago Cubs and later a broadcaster for the team, was also industed Sundings of the Chicago Cubs and later a broadcaster for the team, was also industed Sundings of also inducted Sunday.

"This is not a sad day. This is a great day. I'm certain that Ronnie is celebrating right now."

Ron Santo's widow, Vicki

Mobile sports



got his championship and Kevin Durant might be the NBA's brightest young star. But entering the twilight of his illustrious career, Kobe Bryant is the most sought-after personality when the U.S. Olympic basketball team heads overseas. Scan the code for the story.

Ernie Els holds up the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes golf club Sunday in England

Els wins Open after Scott falters

PGA. Australian Adam Scott bogeys final four holes while Els finds something special

Ernie Els felt something special could happen at the British Open, and it did.

All because of a collapse by Adam Scott that no one imagined.

Four shots ahead with four holes to play — after eight straight holes with nothing worse than par — Scott bogeyed them all and had to fight back tears on the 18th green Sunday as the magnitude

"I'm going to try and come and see you this evening. I'm supposed to go to Canada but I think I'm going to blow that thing off." In his victory speech, Ernie Els said that he planned to visit his family in London. His quip about skipping the Canadian Open sent staff scrambling to try to confirm he was coming. They could not confirm, though the South African said in his speech he would try to get to Canada on Tuesday.

of his meltdown began to sink

Els, who started the final round six shots behind, fin-ished off a flawless back nine with a 15-foot birdie putt for a 2-under 68 that looked as if it would do little more than lock up another runner-up finish at Royal Lytham and St. Annes. Instead, he wound up with his second British Open — the

other one was 10 years ago at

Muirfield — and fourth major championship. "Amazing," Els said. "I'm still numb. It still hasn't set in. It will probably take quite a few days because I haven't been in this position for 10 years, obviously. So it's just crazy, crazy, crazy getting here."

The celebration was muted, unlike his other three majors.

"First of all, I feel for Adam Scott. He's a great friend of mine," Els said. "Obviously, we both wanted to win very badly. But you know, that's the nature of the beast. That's why we're out here. You win, you lose. It

was my time for some reason."
Scott said: "I had it in my hands with four to go. I managed to hit a poor shot on each of the closing four holes. Look, I played so beautifully for most of the week. I shouldn't let this bring me down.

Í can't justify anything that I've done out there. I didn't finish the tournament well today. But next time — I'm sure there will be a next time, and I can do a better job of it."

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Tour de France. Wiggins blazes trail for British cycling

Twenty-three years ago, Bradley Wiggins marvelled as Greg LeMond blazed a trail as America's first Tour de France winner. Now, he has blazed his

The 32-year-old from gritty northwest London became Britain's first winner of cycling's greatest race on Sunday, ending a 75-year drought for his country with an imperial conquest of the roads in France.

Wiggins had locked up the yellow jersey a day earlier by winning the final time-trial and Sunday's ride onto the Champs-Élysées was largely

ceremonial for him.

But putting the coveted shirt to work one last time, he added a touch of class by providing a lead out to Sky teammate and fellow Briton Mark Cavendish to get his third Tour stage victory — the 23rd of his career — in a sprint. The Isle of Man native is a main contender to win road-race gold at the Olympics in London, which has been a hovering presence over the peloton in this Tour.

Wiggins congratulated his teammates after crossing the line, hugged his wife, and clutched the hands of their two



rk Cavendish past the Arc de <u>Triom</u>r

children. A soprano sang "God Save the Queen," and Wiggins thanked the crowd with a touch of British humour.

"Cheers, have a safe iournev home, don't get too drunk," he

"It's been a magical couple of weeks for the team and for British cycling," Wiggins said. "Some dreams come true. My mother over there ... her son has won the Tour de France." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays complete sweep of Red Sox

Brett Lawrie hit the game's first pitch for one of Toronto's four homers and the Blue Jays tagged Jon Lester for a career-worst 11 runs in a 15-7 victory that completed a three-game sweep over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday.

J.P. Arencibia, Rajai Davis and Travis Snider also homered for the Blue

Toronto (48-47) posted a season high for runs and climbed out of the AL East cellar, moving a half-game ahead of the Red Sox (48-48). The Blue Jays matched their season high with 18 hits.

Henderson Alvarez (6-7) pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs.
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Motor racing

Castroneves gets breakthrough in Edmonton

After four years of frustration, Helio Castroneves finally broke through Sunday and won the Edmonton Indy.

The Brazilian racer beat frontrunner Alex Tagliani out of the final pit stop, took the lead, and held off Japan's Takuma Sato by less than a second for the checkered flag at the City Centre Airport. Will Power, Castron-

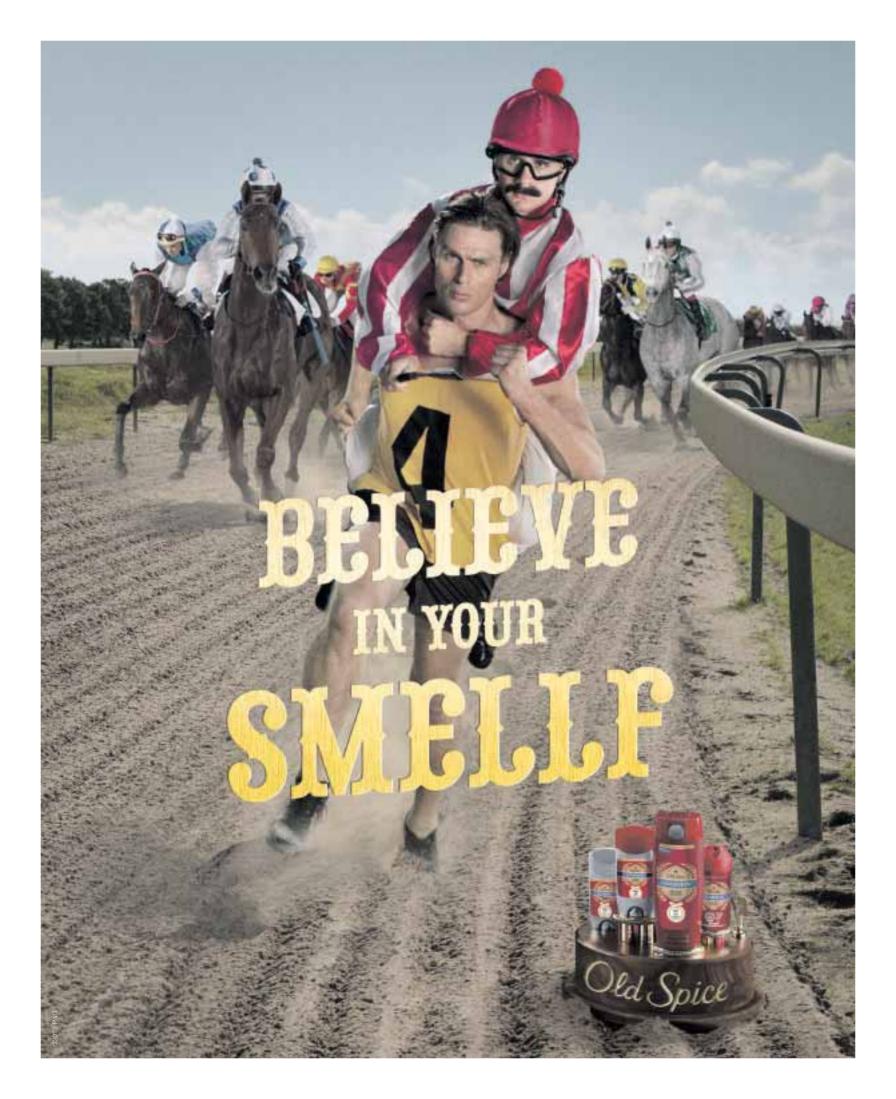
eves' Penske teammate, was third, 5.4 seconds off

the pace. For Castroneves, it was a big weight off his shoulders in the Alberta capital.

He had finished second three times in the last four races in Edmonton. In 2010 he took the checkered flag only to be stripped of the win for blocking Power.

"It's my second win here — but today it counts," said the 37-yearold from Sao Paulo.





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Gaining power from the past

Weightlifting. Medal contender Girard inspired by Canada's former strong-women

The heaviest thing on Christine Girard's shoulders at the Olympics may be the legacy left by the Canadian female weightlifters that came before her.

But it's not a burden that slows her down. It only adds extra inspiration for London.

Girard, who grew up in Rouyn-Noranda, Que., is thinking particularly of Maryse Turcotte, who competed for Canada in the 2000 and 2004 Summer Olympics and won gold in two Commonwealth Games and one Pan American

"That's what I want to experience at the Olympics, that the world knows we are nice and polite in Canada but that doesn't mean we can't compete."

Games before she retired.

"I have enormous respect for Maryse and for what she did,' Girard said from White Rock, B.C., where she trains and lives with her husband and coach Walter Bailey. "She was one of the first to stand out at the international level.

"Maryse showed what it's possible to do, she dared to do it. I want to do the same thing and hope to push things further in the future.

Girard hopes to add to the

history in London, where she will compete in the 63-kilogram event on July 31. If she makes the podium, she'll be the first Canadian woman to get an Olympic medal in that disci-

27-year-old, who was born in Elliot Lake, Ont., is not discouraged by incidents of doping within her sport.

"They have their reasons and I know this is not always their choice as an athlete," she said of those who cheat. "My goal is to show that if you work hard you can beat the others. Maybe it takes more years of training to get to that point - for me, it's 17 years — but I honestly think it's possible." Girard is on her way to prov-

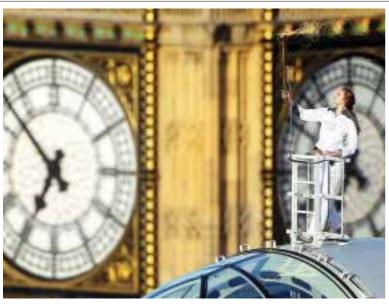
ing her point. She lifted 135 kilograms in the clean-and-jerk in training earlier this year — tying the Olympic record — and recently hoisted 136 kilograms.

"I've spent years testing that every month," she said. "If I'm capable of doing that in training, then others can too."

Girard, who was fourth at the Beijing Games, holds the record in the snatch and in total weight in her class at the Commonwealth Games - 60 kilograms — and the Pan American Games (63 kilograms).

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Torch reaches new heights in London

Amelia Hempleman-Adams poses with the Olympic flame on top of a London Eye pod on the torch-relay leg through London on Sunday. Hempleman-Adams took the torch on a trip on the giant observation wheel on the south side of the River Thames, riding atop one of the Eye's viewing capsules as it slowly rotated. The 17-year-old Hempleman-Adams was the youngest person to ski to the South Pole last year. The Olympic flame continues its weeklong journey around London, after spending more than 60 days touring Britain. LEWIS WHYLD/LOCOG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Released Olympic committee chief says kidnapping still a mystery

Libya

The president of Libva's Olympic committee said hours after he returned home Sunday that his kidnapping remains a mystery but that authorities promised to investigate.

Committee chief Ahmed Nabil al-Taher al-Alam was released unharmed a week after unknown gunmen abducted him from his car in Tripoli.

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Basketball

Argentina gives U.S. early exhibition test

The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team wore the throwback uniforms of the 1992 Dream Team on Sunday. The Americans' play was much different.

Kevin Durant scored 27 points and the United States held on for a narrow 86-80 victory over Argentina in an exhibition game.

The Americans got off to a hot start but their lead was down to four with 2:50 left after Manu Ginobili's three-point play. But Durant and Chris Paul hit big threepointers as the U.S. won after



being pushed for the second time in its four exhibition games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Track-and-field. U.S.-born athletes make up most of Haiti's small Olympic squad

Four of Haiti's five Olympians at the London Games have something in common - they're not from Haiti.

With millions of Haitians living on \$2 a day or less and hundreds of thousands of people rendered homeless by a devastating earthquake two vears ago, the country struggles to produce world-class athletes. But those with Haitian links are eager to represent the small

Caribbean country.
"I still feel Haitian even if I wasn't born there," 21-year-old sprinter Marlena Wesh said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Wesh, who will run the 200 and 400 metres at the Olympics, grew up in Virginia but her parents are from Haiti.

Besides having family ties to Haiti, the four foreign-born Olympians will be competing in track-and-field, including a former roommate of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Samyr Laine, a 28-year-old triple jumper from New York,



myr Laine will compete for Haiti in

roomed with Zuckerberg at Harvard.

He hopes to eventually form non-profit group called the Jump for Haiti Foundation, a sports program to produce fu-ture Olympic athletes from the country. Laine said he plans to call on his friends, including his roommate-turned-billionaire, to donate a few dollars.

"I hope they see the merits of my cause," Laine said. "I will definitely try to reach out to

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Social media

Athletic infrastructure

Haiti does pose unusual chal-

- Three of Haiti's five competitive running tracks house thousands of people in tents and shanties who were displaced by the January 2010 earthquake.
- The office of the Haitian Olympic Committee has a budget of \$400,000. The U.S. Olympic Committee's budget is about \$170 million US.

Mark as well."

Moise Joseph, a 30-year-old 800-metre runner, and Jeffrey Julmis, a 28-year-old 100-metre hurdler, are also on the team. Haiti's lone homegrown Olympian is Linouse Desravine, a 21-year-old judoka.

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Reinstatement

Baseball, softball agree to merge in bid to return to **Olympics**

Seven years after they were cut from the games, baseball and softball have agreed to merge into a single international federation in a joint bid to return to the Olympics.

The two sports, which were last played at the 2008 Beijing Games, each failed in separate attempts to win reinstatement for the 2012 and 2016 Olympics THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tweet."

U.S. hurdler Kerron Clement, who caused a social-media stir in London. He was less than complimentary in his tweet last week after a bus taking athletes to the village had a hard time finding its destination. He let his feelings be known on Twitter.

"Um. so we've been lost on the road for 4hrs. Not a good first impression London."

Clement's tweet

Heptathlon

Injuries force Sweden's Kluft to withdraw from **London Games**

Swedish long jumper Carolina Kluft says she won't compete at the London Olympics because of a hamstring

injury.
The former Olympic and world heptathlon champion told Swedish tabloid Expressen she sees no point in going to London after the injury forced her to pull out of a competition in Finland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG

↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Think big, act big and big rewards are sure to follow The Sun in the most dynamic area of your chart means you won't let anything come between you and success. Life is a game and you love winning games.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Make some changes on the home front this week - the bigger the better. How can you lighten up your living space? What can you do to give yourself a more relaxing environment? Don't wait just do it.

ll Gemini May 22 - June 21

You don't need to raise your voice to make yourself heard - but you probably will. You want to make sure everyone - colleagues and loved ones alike - knows where you are coming from, and where you are going to.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

You seem to believe that you have been hard done by. Why is that? Maybe it's not other people's fault, maybe it's your own. If you want to change your luck, first change the way you look at the world.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't worry if you have not done as much as you should have in recent weeks because the Sun in your sign will give you a boost. But don't wait for good things to be given to you – get them yourself.

M Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 A life of ease may sound inviting but what would you have to show for it in the long-term? Not much. You have so many talents and it's about time you started using them.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Friends and family members will go out of their way to assist you today and if you are sensible and act on their advice you will do well on several levels. Your social life is about to pick up dramatically too.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun in Leo at this time of year leads to changes on the work front and it is important that you do not resist what happens over the next few weeks. Go with the flow and you'll do very well indeed.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's time to let go of beliefs and opinions that have been holding you back and to replace them with something a bit more up-to-date. You don't have to follow the herd but you do have to widen your perspective.

b Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 The planets are urging you to be more adventurous. There are occasions when it is right to take risks and this is one of them, so stop playing for time and start making things happen, at home and at work

🗫 Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Put other people's interests first over the next few days, both in your personal life and at work. If you go out of your way to make life easy for others they will make it up to you big time later on.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 Tear up an existing arrangement and replace it with something more to your liking. Others may not be happy about it but it is your happiness you should be thinking of.

SALLY BROMPTON

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- 4. Brampton-born Michael who received 2008 Canadian Comedy Award for best male performance for Superbad
- 8. With 68-Across, 4 out of 5 touch Ontario
- 13. Nabokov novel
- 14. What a French-Canadian traffic cop might yell
- 15. Where to get a date? 16. "___ gonna get it!"
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- 18. Ghana's capital 19. Part of the War of 1812
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- York WRT Toronto
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- 36. Timberlake's group
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- 41. Mary Tyler Moore Show spinoff
- 43. Oakville progressive rock quintet
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- ants
- 6. Shoal
- 8. Circumvent
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- 24. London-born band-
- Royal Canadians in 1924
- 26. US network
- 30. Intoxicating elixirs
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39. Admonitions

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32. Mad cow disease

35. Former Hungarian

40. As ___: Persian poker

- 46. How many stupid things are done 48. Unhappy
- goes!" 50. "Steady ___ goes 51. Indian lentil dish
- 54. Lawn tool
- 56. Not yours 57. Pack cargo
- 58. One of 8- and
- 68-Across 59. "___have to do"
- 60. Proverb or confident 61. Cape Town's nation: abbr.
- 62. Convex cooker



See today's answers at metronews.ca/ answers.



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Friday's Sudoku

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